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SOFTENER )  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 34  
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Sir:

The above-noted application was filed on October 8, 2004, via Express Mail. As a result of the original, executed Declaration document not being attached to said application, a Notice to File Missing Parts issued.

In response to the aforementioned Notice, please find enclosed herewith the following:

- a. The original Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application, executed by the inventors, Stephen Robert Maunsell and Daniel Warwick Blair.
- b. A copy of the aforementioned Notice to File Missing Parts of Application -- Filing Date Granted.
- c. A check in the amount of \$130.00 for payment of late filing of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

If the afore-mentioned check is missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 20-1495 any amount necessary to cover any costs associated with this Response or to credit any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 10/08/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 10/08/2004
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 10/08/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 12/29/2004
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 01/13/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 10/08/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 10/08/2004
- Priority Documents filed on 10/08/2004
- Power of Attorney filed on 10/08/2004

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- \$130 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

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The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.*

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